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Remarks

Claims 1-6 were in the application as last examined. Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice and claims 2-5 are amended. Claims 2-6 remain in the application without amendment. The specification is amended to render the title and the summary of the invention consistent with the claims as amended. Applicant respectfully requests further examination and consideration in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,969,690 to Yamabayashi et al. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice, so the rejection is moot with respect to Claim 1. Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 6, which the Examiner has allowed. Thus, the rejection is moot as to claims 2 and 5 as well and should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Yamabayashi et al. '690 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,054,962 to Ha et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 6, which the Examiner has allowed. Thus, the rejection is moot as to claim 3 and should be withdrawn.

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New claims

The Examiner has determined that the subject matter of claim 4 is allowable. Claim 4 has been rewritten into independent form in new claim 7 and should therefore be allowed. Likewise, new claims 8-9 are dependant upon claim 7 and are likewise allowable.

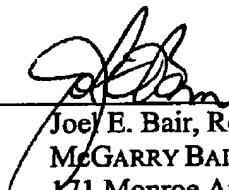
Conclusion

In the absence of any other cited art, it is believed that all of the claims are now allowable and early notice of Allowability is respectfully requested. Any questions concerning the foregoing may be directed to the undersigned at 616-742-3513 or (jeb@mcgarrybair.com).

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